



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

January 7, 2002

Applicants: Masahiro SANO et al

For: SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS, FIBER AND PRODUCT
TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following
amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 13.

Please add new Claim 21 as follows.

21. (New) Surface treatment chemicals for forming a
polymerization reaction product on the surface of a fiber in
which the improvement is characterized in that said surface
treatment chemicals comprise chitosan in addition to a
reaction product of a water-soluble organic substance selected
from the group consisting of at least one of protein, protein
derivatives and polysaccharides, having an average molecular
weight of 100 to 20,000, a polymerization initiator and a
reactive modifier.

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